

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Toshio ARIYASU et al

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For: HEDGEHOG PROTEIN



Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: C. Kaufman

Washington, D.C.

July 13, 2000

**UNDER FINAL REJECTION,  
PLEASE EXPEDITE**

**SECOND REPLY TO FINAL ACTION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying again to the **final** Action of May 15, 2000,  
and in place of the unentered amendment filed June 9, 2000,  
please amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Delete non-elected claims 7-22 without prejudice to  
the present invention and without prejudice to applicants'  
rights under Sections 121, 120 and 119 to pursue the subject  
matter thereof in a divisional application without any penalty  
whatsoever.

Claim 2, line 2, before "the amino acid", please  
insert --of--.